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1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL C, CARD FOR WHITEHEAD OF ENERGY ENTERPRISES
ON FILE AT EMBASSY. ADDRDS AND TELEPHONE ARE AS GIVEN IN REFTELS
A AND D.

2. CARD CROSS REFERENCES PRINCE EMAN L.ADFIOYE, MANAGING
DIRECTOR, G.A. ADEFIOYE AND SONS, P.O. BOX 2013, IJEBU BYE PASS,
OKE ADO, IBADAN. THIS PROBABLY SAME ADEFIOYE MENTIONED REFTEL D.

3. WHITEHEAD'S CARD ALSO CROSS REFERENCES INDEX CARD NOTE ON
HOMESTEAD PETROLEUM. HOMESTEAD PETROLEUM NOTE STATES THAT IN
JUNE 1972 IN WASHINGTON, WHITEHEAD SAID HIS COMPANY (WE ASSUME

THIS MEANS HOMESTEAD) SUPPLIES CRUDE TO REFINERIES IN U.S. MIDWEST
THROUGH THE MIDWAY INVESTMENT COMPANY, AND HE WAS INTERESTED IN
BUYING NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OIL. NEITHER CURRENT OIL AND GAS
YEAR BOOK NOR 1972 OIL AND GAS JOURNAL DIRECTORY OF THE U.S.
OIL INDUSTRY LISTS A HOME STEAD PETROLEUM COMPANY.

4. RE PARAGRAPH THREE OF REFTEL E, OIL COMPANY GEOLOGIST SAYS
EXISTENCE OF BITUMEN DEPOSITS IN WESTERN STATE HAS BEEN WELL
DOCUMENTED FOR LONG TIME IN GEOLOGICAL LITERATURE OF NIGERIA.
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SUCH DEPOSITS WERE IN FACT MAIN REASON FOR COMMENCING OIL

EXPLORATIONS. MAPS INDICATE THAT TWO WELLS HAVE BEEN DRILLED
FEW MILES NORTH AND TWO WELLS FEW MILES SOUTHEAST OF ODE AYE. NO
COMMERCIAL VIABLE OIL FOUND IN THAT AREA. GEOLOGIST WE SPOKE
WITH DID NOT KNOW WHETHER BITUMEN DEPOSITS ARE SUFFICIENT TO
SUPPORT COMMERCIAL PROCESSING PLANT. HE WILL TRY TO LOCATE
SPECIFIC GEOLOGICAL REFERENCES.
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